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SUB: KY BACKGROUNDER TO FOREIGN PRESS - THE SEQUEL

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1. AT THE REGULAR 4 P.M. JOINT GVN-US PRESS BRIEFING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS GIVEN OUT:

2. BEGIN TEXT SAIGON SEPTEMBER 4 - A NUMBER OF FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES AND NEWSPAPERS HAVE JUST RELEASED THAT QUOTE SOURCES CLOSE TO VICE PRESIDENT NGUYEN CAO KY UNQUOTE DISCLOSED THAT QUOTE THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS DETERMINED TO PREVENT PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU, BY FORCE IF NECESSARY, FROM SEEKING REELECTION ALONE IN OCTOBER 1971. UNQUOTE

3. ALWAYS ACCORDING TO THESE FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES AND NEWSPAPERS, SOURCES DISCLOSED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT QUOTE WAS DETERMINED TO JOY PRESIDENT THIEU AND HIS CLIQUE IF PRESIDENT THIEU WILL NOT CALL OFF THE OCTOBER 3 ELECTION IN THE FOLLOWING ONE OR TWO WEEKS. UNQUOTE.

4. THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WISHES TO CATEGORICALLY DENY THE ABOVE MENTIONED QUOTE SOURCES UNQUOTE AND REAFFIRM, ONCE AGAIN, THAT NOBODY MAY ACT IN THE NAME OF QUOTE SOURCES CLOSE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT UNQUOTE IN ORDER TO MAKE PUBLIC THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE VICE PRESIDENT. END TEXT (SIC)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC:MR

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TM REPORTEDLY THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PRESS OFFICER, COL. VU DUC VINH, IN EXTENSIVE CONTACT TODAY WITH THE FOREIGN PRESS HAS BEEN TAKING THE ABOVE LINE, MAINTAINING ESSENTIALLY THAT THE REMARKS OF KY ON BACKGROUND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AUTHORITATIVE.
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